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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

It seems to me that allowing Microsoft to "settle" for a free (to them) "solution", in which they get access to a market (schools) which has been a weak point for them so far, is contradictory to the spirit of the lawsuit. It would give them MORE control over the industry, MORE sway over children, whose mindsets haven't yet frozen, and would end up getting Microsoft that much more mindshare/marketshare. The settlement where Microsoft gets to do this is VERY bad, should not be accepted, and would be a serious miscarriage of justice if it were to go through.

I'd like to see them split into four pieces: Operating systems, Office, Internet, and the rest. None of these companies could cooperate with the others except through public documentation for 20 years. If that makes them fail, too bad.

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"Run in circles, scream and shout!" "I hope you have good backups!" Aren't there any networked SJFs around?